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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 10 December 2010 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a) ☐ entered.
- b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.
Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.
- d) ☒ disapproved. See explanation below.
- e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

The Amendment filed on 12/10/10 is made to cancel claim 3. The Amendment filed on 1/14/10 included the claim limitations of claim 3 into claim 1. However, claim 4 is dependent on now canceled claim 3. Appropriate correction is requested.

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